

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 126

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mrs. Wilma Goins for her outstanding achievements and extraordinary contributions to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those public servants who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wilma Goins is one such estimable person who has dedicated her life to such noble causes as promoting patriotism and educating the youth of Bradley County; and

WHEREAS, in 1932, this great woman was born Wilma Ruth Bryson in Bradley County; she later graduated from Bradley Central High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, Wilma Bryson was joined in marriage with Carl D. Goins at the age of eighteen in Cleveland's First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, because Mrs. Goins' new husband was enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, they soon began relocating all over the world to such places as the Philippines, Taiwan, and several cities in Germany, including Bremerhaven, Bremen, and Frankfurt; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goins prides herself in setting goals to better herself and working to accomplish these goals. One such noteworthy goal was her desire to earn a degree and graduate with honors, and at the age of forty, Mrs. Goins obtained a Bachelor degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, where she also graduated Magna Cum Laude; and

WHEREAS, before retirement, this remarkable lady worked as a school teacher in Bradley County at Trewhitt Elementary School, now Lake Forrest Junior High School, and Oak Grove Elementary School, and while excelling as an educator, Mrs. Goins became active in the 4-H club. Although she has since retired from teaching, Wilma Goins remains active with the 4-

H club, assisting counselors and supervisors and enjoying membership in the 4-H Honors Club;  
and

WHEREAS, during the 1991-1992 school year, Mrs. Goins was recognized for her outstanding abilities and was rightfully named Teacher of the Year in Bradley County; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of her community, Mrs. Goins began a long tenure with the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (LAVFW), when she was elected as a guard of the State LAVFW. She soon found herself moving through leadership positions in the local LAVFW and also through positions in the District and State LAVFW; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goins has served with distinction in every single office of the LAVFW Post 2598 in Cleveland, which covers fourteen Southern states. This extraordinary leader is currently serving as Vice President, Secretary of Treasurer, and Third District Treasurer of the LAVFW, and, in November of 2005, she will claim the title of President of the LAVFW Southern Conference; and

WHEREAS, during her 1997-1998 term with the LAVFW, Mrs. Goins was named Outstanding Department President, and she went on to become the Southern Conference Chaplain; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goins still holds the discipline of education as a high priority and strives to edify and enlighten young minds through her service as a Patriotic Instructor. This job requires that she train children on patriotic etiquette, such as proper stance during the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance and the correct way to fold the American flag; and

WHEREAS, this hard-working, patriotic woman also conducts programs educating children on the American's Creed and the Preamble to the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, because of her diligence and devotion to teaching and advancing patriotism, Mrs. Goins received the Loyal Patriotic American Award from a panel of ten to fourteen notable Clevelanders; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Mrs. Goins is most appreciative of the love and support of her family. Wilma Goins and her husband, Carl, are the proud parents of Connie and Doug and the devoted grandparents of six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wilma Goins exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Mrs. Goins has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and all who have had the privilege of working with her; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Mrs. Wilma Goins for her laudable service to the people of Tennessee and wish her every continued success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.